HOUSE BILL 564 By Jones

SENATE BILL 1205

By Yarbro

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to health care.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-195, is amended by deleting the section and by substituting the following:

The comptroller of the treasury, in conjunction with any appropriate TennCare drug utilization review committees, shall annually report on the use of prescription drugs in nursing homes and the costs of those prescription drugs for residents of nursing homes. The report shall examine prescription use overall, and shall focus on any practices that would improve the quality of resident care while reducing costs to the TennCare program. By January 1 of each year, the comptroller of the treasury shall deliver its report to the speakers of the respective houses of the general assembly. SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

it.